

A RESOLUTION

2005-16-14

**SUPPORTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND MAJOR
LEAGUE SOCCER FOR THE POTENTIAL RELOCATION
OR EXPANSION OF A MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM
TO SAN ANTONIO IN 2006 WHICH SETS FORTH THE
PRIMARY BUSINESS POINTS FOR A LEASE FOR THE
USE OF THE ALAMODOME AND CONDITIONS FOR THE
PLACEMENT OF AN MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM
IN THE CITY.**

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WHEREAS, since the installation of the Sportfield Turf System in the Alamodome, which opened up avenues for professional soccer in the facility that previously were not available, staff has actively marketed the Alamodome to professional and national soccer teams, as well as Major League Soccer ("MLS"), in the pursuit of possible World Cup Qualifying matches or team matches and staff particularly focused on the possibility of Mexican Division I Soccer Teams playing in the Alamodome, as these teams have a wide fan base in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the City teamed with Traffic Sports, Inc. to present a World Cup Qualifying Match between Mexico and Dominica which was attended by over 37,000 fans; and

WHEREAS, the success of the first-ever soccer match in the Alamodome drew the attention of MLS and its associate, Soccer United Marketing ("SUM") and the Alamodome and SUM subsequently co-produced a November 2004 match between Mexico and Guatemala which drew 22,000 fans; and

WHEREAS, MLS and SUM, impressed with the City's ability to draw such a large soccer fan base, produced the Interliga Soccer Tournament in January 2005 with two matches, Club America vs. Jaguares and Toluca vs. Necaxa; and

WHEREAS, these soccer initiatives have placed San Antonio among a small group of major U.S. cities known for success in professional soccer; and

WHEREAS, MLS has expressed serious interest in relocating an existing team or locating an expansion team in San Antonio and discussions between MLS and the City concentrated on such a team playing full-time in the Alamodome, beginning in 2006; and

WHEREAS, since December 2004, numerous discussions have been held with MLS in order to develop a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth a proposed relationship between the City of San Antonio and an MLS soccer team and this Resolution seeks the support of City Council for the resulting Memorandum of Understanding; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby supports the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Antonio and Major League Soccer for the potential relocation or expansion of an MLS team to San Antonio in 2006, which sets forth the business points for a lease for the use of the Alamodome and the conditions for the placement of an MLS team in San Antonio. A copy of said Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. The final terms and conditions of a lease shall be subject to future City Council consideration.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2005.



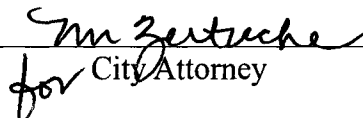
M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



for City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 32.

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Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: A Resolution supporting a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Antonio and Major League Soccer for the potential relocation or expansion of a Major League Soccer team to San Antonio in 2006 which sets forth the primary business points for a lease for the use of the Alamodome and conditions for the placement of an Major League Soccer team in the City. [Presented by Michael Abington, Director, Alamodome; Roland A. Lozano, Assistant to the City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1	Not present			
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2		x		
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9			x	
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10			x	
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR		x		